

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS IN THE SEVERAL STATES,

EMBRACING*—

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| I. CAUSES OF DEATH. | IV. NATIVITIES. |
| II. AGE AND SEX. | V. SEASON OF DECEASE. |
| III. COLOR AND CONDITION. | VI. DURATION OF ILLNESS. |
| VII. OCCUPATIONS.—(See Aggregate Tables of the United States.) | |

* The instructions to marshals in taking this portion of the census were as follows:

1. Under heading 1 of schedule insert the "name of every person who died during the year ending 1st June, 1850, whose place of abode at the time of his death was in the family." The family in which the death occurred from disease is to be considered as having been the place of abode of the deceased. Where the death was sudden, or the result of accident, the usual place of abode should be given, although the death may have occurred during temporary absence and in another family.
2. Under heading 2, entitled *Age*, insert in figures opposite the name the specific age in years of each person at the last birthday. If the exact age cannot be ascertained, insert a number which shall be the nearest approximation to it. The age in years, either exact or estimated, is in all cases to be inserted. If the person be a child which was under one year old, the entry is to be made in the fractional part of a year.
3. Under heading 3, entitled *Sex*, insert the letter M for male, or F for female, opposite the name in all cases.
4. Under heading 4, entitled *Color*, in all cases where the person is white, leave the space blank. In all cases where the person is black, insert the letter B. If mulatto, the letter M.
5. Under heading 5, entitled "*Free or slave*," in all cases where the person is free, leave the space blank. In all cases where the person is a slave, make a letter S opposite his or her name.
6. Under heading 6, entitled *Married or widowed*. This column only applies to the free inhabitants. The spaces opposite all slaves are to be left blank. When the deceased, being a free person, has been married, and the wife, or husband, as the case may be, survived, insert (M.) When the deceased has been married, but left no wife, or husband, as the case may be, insert (W.) In all other cases where the deceased is unmarried, or whether it is not known whether he or she was ever married, leave the space opposite such names blank.
7. Under heading 7, entitled *Place of birth*. The marshal should ascertain the place of birth of the deceased. If unknown, he should insert "unknown." If born in the town, city, or district where the deceased died, or in a foreign country, insert the name of the State, Territory, government, or country of birth.
8. Under heading 8, entitled *Month in which the person died*, insert, in all cases, the month when the death occurred opposite the name of the deceased. Should it happen that the date is not known, insert "unknown."
9. Under heading 9, entitled *Profession, occupation, or trade*, insert the specific *profession, occupation, or trade*, which the person was known or reputed to follow. Where the deceased, being an adult, had no particular occupation, insert the word "none;" when it is unknown, insert "unknown."
10. Under heading 10, entitled *Disease or cause of death*, insert the name of disease or cause of death opposite each name. The usual name given to a disease is to be inserted. When unknown, state "unknown." Where by accident, as steamboat explosion, so state; where the death was sudden, but natural, say "sudden," and enter also the cause.
11. In column eleven state the number of days' sickness. If of long duration, insert C for chronic.

REMARKS.—At the bottom of the page is left a space for remarks, where the assistant marshal should state any particular malady which has been prevalent in his district, and any cause which may account for the same. He is desired to state the character of the water, the character of the soil or rocks, kind of timber which grows naturally, the existence of natural fertilizers, as lime, or marl, or ores, or any other facts of interest relating to mines, seasons, or any particular or unusual natural phenomena, in fine, record any interesting event or circumstance connected with the history of his region for which he may find space.

In every case where the assistant has reason to believe that a portion of the information sought to be obtained by this schedule can be more accurately ascertained from any reliable bills of mortality, the facts may be abstracted from such registry, according to the form of this schedule, and the same rate of compensation will be allowed as if taken by actual visitation. It is, however, only admissible to avail one's self of such information where the record is of the most reliable nature or character.